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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CASE NO. CR 21-00259 JST
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	DECLARATION OF CHP XAVIER GUAJARDO
)	IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT'S OPPOSITION
CAMERON ANTHONY ODOM,)	TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO SUPPRESS
Defendant.)	

I, Xavier Guajardo, declare and state as follows:

1. I am currently employed as an officer with the California Highway Patrol, Castro Valley (CHP). I have been employed with the CHP since May of 2016. I am assigned to Castro Valley. I received 28 weeks of training at the police academy in Sacramento, CA. The training curriculum covered all aspects of policing including traffic stops and other investigative processes. This training included instruction in the investigation of criminal violations, including, but not limited to firearms offenses. As a CHP officer, I patrol the highways and I am tasked with enforcing both criminal and traffic offenses.

2. During the course of my employment as an officer, I have participated in several arrests and traffic stops involving firearms recovery. I have also participated in arrests of individuals involved

1 in or affiliated with gang activity.

2 3. On the morning of August 26, 2020 at approximately 2:23am, CHP Officer Fou. Lee and
3 I were on routine traffic patrol of the Castro Valley CHP area in a marked patrol vehicle. Officer Lee
4 drove while I sat in the front passenger seat. While parked on the shoulder of I-580 highway eastbound,
5 Grand Avenue on-ramp, I observed a BMW SUV pass at what appeared to be a high rate of speed. I
6 activated the forward-facing radar device and received a digital reading of 92 mph. Officer Lee and I
7 then initiated a vehicle enforcement stop for Vehicle Code 22349(a) which requires that no person drive
8 at a speed greater than 65 miles per hour upon a highway.

9 4. In initiating the vehicle enforcement stop, we turned on the lights of the patrol vehicle
10 and Officer Lee positioned the vehicle behind the BMW SUV. I observed the BMW SUV immediately
11 slow down and yield to the 164th Avenue exit of the highway. The vehicle made a right turn onto
12 Liberty Avenue, south of 163rd Avenue and yielded to the right-hand shoulder. Once stopped, I exited
13 the patrol vehicle and approached the passenger side of the BMW SUV. Officer Lee approached the
14 driver's side.

15 5. I observed the open passenger side window of the BMW SUV, advised the driver of the
16 reason for the stop, and requested the driver's license, insurance, and registration. The driver relayed
17 that he did not have a driver's license, insurance, or registration to the vehicle. The driver provided me
18 with a California Identification card which identified him as Cameron Anthony Odom. Odom was the
19 sole occupant of the vehicle. Odom provided no other paperwork. While speaking with me, Odom
20 appeared nervous. He was shifting and moving around in the vehicle. He informed me that the vehicle
21 belonged to his sister who lived up the street from where the vehicle was currently stopped. As a safety
22 precaution, I also asked Odom if he was on probation or parole, to which he responded that he was not.

23 6. I requested dispatch run a DMV records check of the vehicle and Odom while I did an
24 Alameda Criminal Records Information Management System (CRIMS) records check from the patrol
25 vehicle. The DMV records check revealed that Odom's license status was withheld for failure to appear.
26 Driving without a License is a violation of California Vehicle Code Section 12500(a) and is a
27 misdemeanor punishable by up to 6 months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. Under California Vehicle
28 Code Section 22651(p), an officer may remove may tow a vehicle when I issue a ticket for driving

1 without a license.

2 7. The vehicle was registered to an address on 79th street in Oakland; inconsistent with the
3 responses Odom provided. The CRIMS records check revealed that Odom had affiliations with criminal
4 gang activity and that Odom had firearms-related criminal history.

5 8. CRIMS is a records system that houses, to include but not limited to, criminal court
6 records, inmate booking information, wants/warrants, probation/parole status, and information regarding
7 contacts with law enforcement for Alameda County. I check CRIMS to ascertain whether a subject has
8 outstanding warrants, probation/parole status, and other related information.

9 9. Based on my training and experience as an officer, criminal gang activity includes
10 weapons possession and other dangerous activity. Also, in my experience, traffic stops are more
11 dangerous at night.

12 10. While I conducted the CRIMS records check, Officer Lee stood by observing Odom.

13 11. After conducting the records checks, I returned to the stopped vehicle. Because Odom
14 did not have a valid license, I planned to have the vehicle towed after the completion of the stop. I
15 asked Odom to step out of the vehicle in order to do a pat-down search for officer safety. Considering
16 among other things, Odom's nervousness, the inconsistent information he provided, and his criminal
17 history, I believed that Odom may have been armed and dangerous. I conducted a pat-down search and
18 immediately felt what I knew to be a firearm near Odom's waistband. I felt the handle/grip of a firearm.
19 I removed the firearm and placed Odom in handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, I searched Odom and
20 recovered an extended magazine from his person that holds 22 rounds of ammunition. The magazine
21 contained 19 rounds of ammunition. The firearm did not contain a magazine but had one round of
22 ammunition in the chamber. I placed Odom under arrest.

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24 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
25 Executed this 5th day of November in 2021.

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27 /s/ Xavier Guajardo #21471
28 Xavier Guajardo, #21471
Officer, California Highway Patrol